

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the very thorough and professional Office Action. Pursuant to that Office Action, Claims 6 and 7 have been canceled and Claims 1-5 and 8 rewritten to more definitely set forth the invention and obviate the rejection. It is understood that claims 1-5 and 8 would be allowed if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and the objections to the specification and claims. The present amendment is deemed not to introduce new matter. Claims 1-5 and 8 remain in the application.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the specification. A replacement Abstract is being furnished herewith which is believed to fully comply with MPEP 608.01(b). In addition, the disclosure has been corrected to set forth the temperature in “°C” and also the concentration of HCL in molar units in Table 2.

It is also believed that the omission of the temperature in “°C” and the concentration for HCL occurred when computer program conversions errors introduced during electronic transmission of the application to the undersigned. However, it is respectfully urged that one of ordinary skill in the art in reading this specification would understand that the temperature was in “°C” and the concentration of HCL was in “M”. It is believed that the amendments to the specification overcome the objections. Withdrawal of the objections to the specification is accordingly respectfully requested.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objections to claims 1 and 5-8. The recited chemical formulas are believed to be correct and are not believed to be inconsistent. It is therefore respectfully requested that the examiner withdraw the objections thereto.

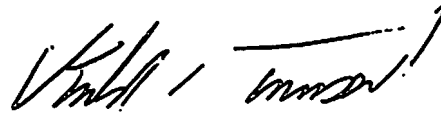
Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-5 and 8 have been rewritten taking in consideration the examiner's helpful suggestions for clarifying the claimed subject matter. It is therefore believed that claims 1-5 and 8 are no longer indefinite and now fully comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, the examiner would be justified in no longer maintaining this rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is accordingly respectfully requested.

The amendments to claims 1-5 and 8 herein are believed to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and the objections to the specification are also believed to have been overcome. Consequently, it is believed that claims 1-5 and 8 are now in condition for allowance, and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested. In the event there is any reason why the application cannot be allowed at the present time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the number listed below to resolve any problems.

Respectfully submitted

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